

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

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Promotion of Use of Solar Pumps

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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per survey there are two crore and ten lakh irrigation pumps in the country out of which 90 lakh pumps are run on diesel and the remaining pumps are operated on electricity from the grid which is 10 to 15 per cent of total power consumption in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote use of solar pumps in place of diesel and electric pumps for pisciculture, horticulture, drinking water supply and salt production in addition to irrigation for agriculture in the villages?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER, COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): Ministry of New & Renewable Energy has not carried out any survey for irrigation pumps in the country.

(b): Ministry has been providing Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for use of solar pumps for irrigation, drinking water and other allied activities like horticulture, pisciculture and salt production.
